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BATMAN TMSTATIC

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TEEN

**IT'S BATMAN VS. BATMAN,
AND GOTHAM CITY IS THE BATTLEFIELD!**



KNO

KNIGHTFIGHT



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ALL IN

**4 DEADLY
ISSUES
STARTING IN
NOVEMBER**

DEEP SPACE. NOW.

Never imagined my future would look like this.

20 years ago, I was plain ol' Virgil Hawkins, studying for AP physics and scraping together cash for a new gaming monitor.

Then I got my powers at the Big Bang protest and everything changed.

Today, Earth's on the brink of being accepted into an intergalactic alliance called the Cooperative, thanks to me and a bunch of other people.

Access to their technology and aggregate knowledge might save the planet from this slow death it's dying.

All I have to do is push myself further than I ever have...and hope things don't blow up in my face.

Haven't done anything on this scale before but I have to try!

Too much on the line!

"JAVELIN TO STATIC. YOU *OKAY* IN THERE?"

ICON

THE MILKY WAY. SOL SYSTEM. EARTH SPACE. 93 MINUTES AGO.

YEAH,
I'M GOOD,
WARHAWK.

SUPERMAN

BATMAN'S
LOOKING A
LITTLE GREEN,
THOUGH...

JOKES
AREN'T ~~ERP~~
HELPING, STATIC...
~~UNGH~~...

HASN'T BATMAN DONE **ZERO-6**
BEFORE? WILL HIS SUIT STILL
WORK IF HE THROWS
UP IN IT?

NAUSEA, BAH! ALL
NAUSEA WAS FLENSD AWAY
FROM ME UNDER GRANNY
GOODNESS'S CARE!

FLASH

MICRON

BIG BARDA

TOO BAD I
COULDN'T RIDE
WITH STATIC. GOTTA
BE SOME COOL TECH
IN THAT BABY OUT
THERE.

STILL DON'T
GET WHY THEY
DIDN'T JUST RIDE
IN THE *JAVELIN*
WITH US.

WELL, I
HELPED *DEVELOP*
THE SHOCKWAVE,
WITH FUNDING FROM
BRUCE WAYNE.

AND THE
OLD MAN BASICALLY
ORDERED ME TO COME
ON THIS FLIGHT.

MAKES *SENSE*
FOR US BOTH TO BE
ON BOARD FOR THE
BETA TEST.



"ALL SYSTEMS OPTIMAL."

SPEAKING OF WHICH, LET ME GET STARTED.

"WE'LL WARP-JUMP ONCE THE BIG GUYS CLEAR A *PATH* THROUGH THE TAURIDS."

SUPER-HEARING'S PICKING UP SOME NERVOUS *TREMORS* IN STATIC'S VOICE.

I'VE KNOWN VIRGIL SINCE HE WAS AN *ADOLESCENT*. HE WILL SEE THIS THROUGH, NERVOUS OR NOT.

COOPERATIVE DATA TRANSMISSION INITIATED...

STILL, HIS CONCERNS ARE *UNDERSTANDABLE*. THE COOPERATIVE'S INTERPLANETARY ALLIANCE IS WATCHING.

IF THE CRAFT PERFORMS AS EXPECTED, EARTH WILL BE *ACCEPTED* INTO THE COOPERATIVE.

STILL, I DON'T LIKE IT THAT THE COOPERATIVE'S MAKING EARTH *AUDITION* LIKE THIS, ICON...

THEY *REQUIRE* THAT ALL MEMBER PLANETS EXHIBIT SUPERLUMINAL CAPABILITY.

SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE ON *THEIR* SIDE.



"NOT SO. I MAY BE FROM A COOPERATIVE PLANET BUT I'VE MADE EARTH MY **ADOPTED** HOME JUST AS YOU HAVE.



"YEARS AGO, STATIC ASKED ME IF I WOULD STAY ON EARTH OR **RETURN** TO MY HOMEWORLD.

"IT'S CALLED **TERMINUS** BECAUSE THEY ACHIEVED THE **PINNACLE** OF PEACE AND PROSPERITY.



ON HEARING THAT, STATIC WONDERED IF MY TIME ON EARTH MADE ME FEEL MORE **ALIVE** TO MYSELF THAN MY HOME PLANET.

I'VE HAD TO ADMIT THAT HE IS RIGHT. HELPING A SOCIETY COME TO **MATURITY** IS A JOY I DIDN'T KNOW I NEEDED.



WELL DONE, GENTLEMEN. RETURN TO THE SHOCKWAVE. JAVELIN, SYNCHRONIZE WARP ON MY MARK.



STEADY...



...NOOOOOOWWWW!

WHOA, THOSE
ARE SPROCKIN'
KHUND MARAUDERS
ATTACKING COLUAN
FREIGHTERS!

WHAT THE--?!
SCANS SAID THIS QUADRANT
WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
UNOCCUPIED!

IT'S OCCUPIED
WITH THE GLORY OF
BATTLE! NO LONGER
JUST A BORING ESCORT
MISSION! PRAISE
HIGHFATHER!

BATMAN, YOU NEED
TO STAY HERE AND KEEP THE
SHOCKWAVE SAFE. STATIC,
YOU'RE WITH US.

WHAT?! I
CAN **TOTALLY** FIGHT
IN SPACE!

HOW
ABOUT YOU
JUST WATCH AND
LEARN FOR
NOW?

MAYBE WE
CAN TALK OUR
WAY OUT OF THIS?
ANYBODY SPEAK
KHUND?

THAT'D BE
WARHAWK. HE SAYS
THEY'RE SAYING THE
SHOCKWAVE LOOKS
"JUICY."

THE KHUNDS
TERRORIZE EVERY
SECTOR OF THE KNOWN
COSMOS. THEY GO
WHEREVER THERE IS
PLUNDER.

AND REINFORCEMENTS
HAVE JUST WARPED IN!



TRYING
TO *EVADE* BUT
THEY'RE MOVING
TOO FAST! CAN'T
SHAKE 'EM!

APOLOGIES
FOR MY TARDINESS,
FRIENDS.

THESE SCAVENGERS
SCUTTLED ANOTHER
SHIP A FEW PARSECS BACK
AND I HAD TO TOW IT
TO SAFETY.

GREEN LANTERN

WARNING!
POWER LEVELS AT
7 PERCENT!

MIGHT I
SUGGEST WE END
THIS CONFLICT
QUICKLY?

HEY, BATMAN!
SOME COVERING FIRE
WOULD BE GREAT, IF
YOU'RE NOT TOO
NAUSEOUS?

REALLY
DON'T NEED THE
ATTITUDE RIGHT
NOW!

BWOMP

Khunds are scavengers. Feels like
their ships have a bunch of different
technologies under the hood...



⚡ ...but they've all got one thing in common. They all need **power**.



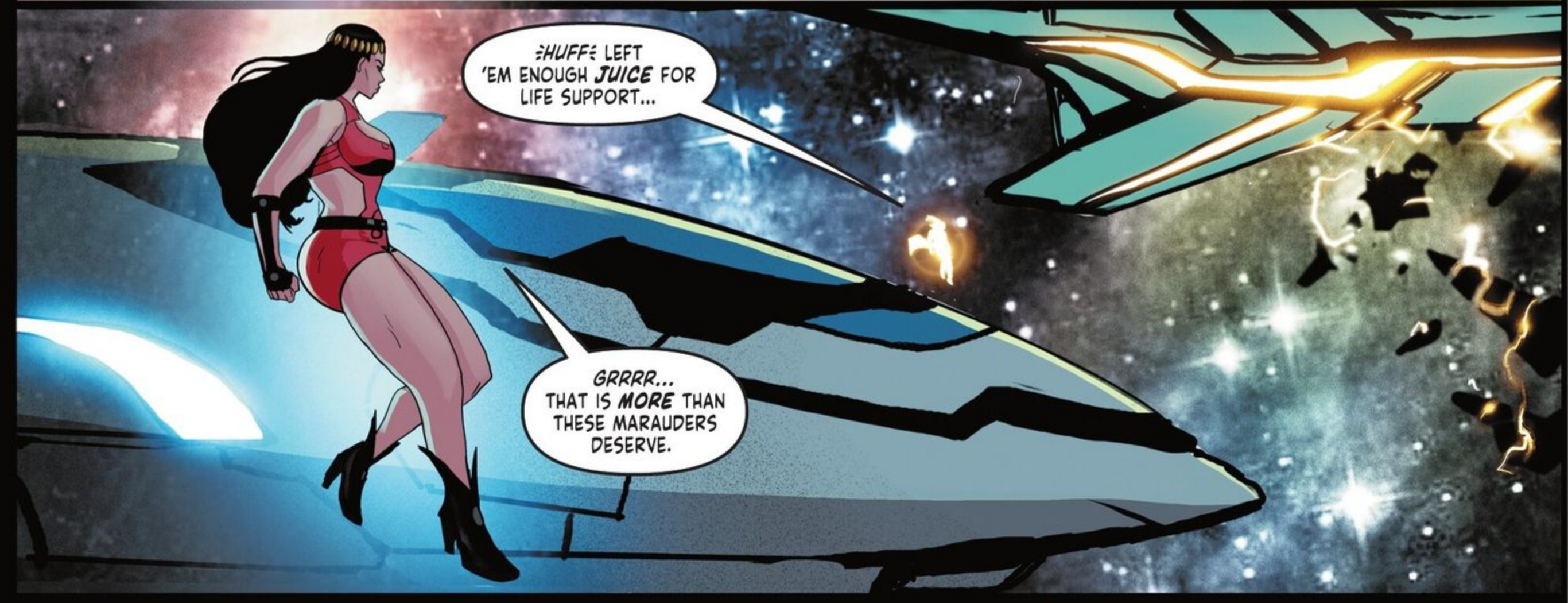
Power that I can take away!



Have to push myself harder than ever! Take it all in!

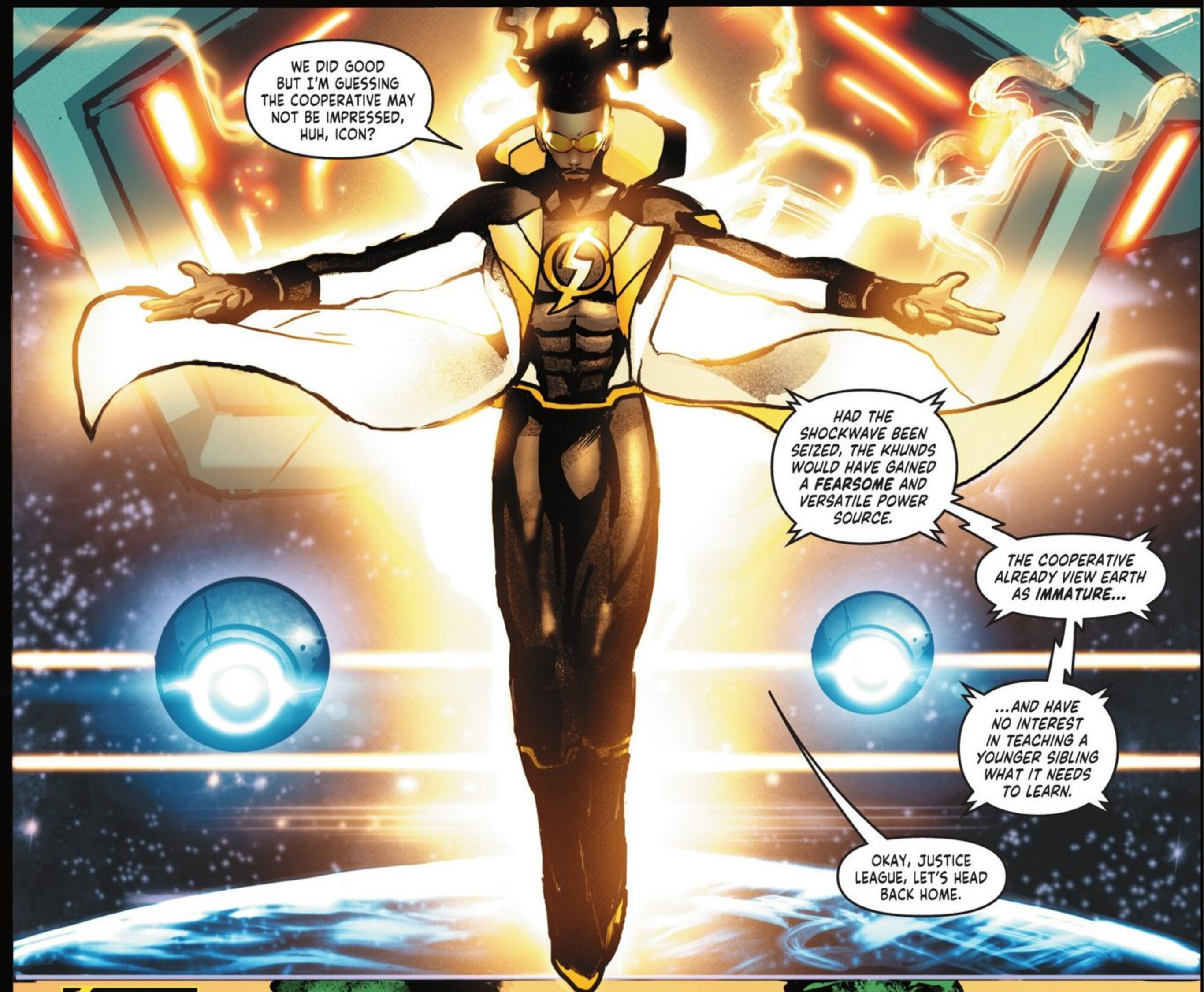


And send a shock to their systems!



SHUFF! LEFT 'EM ENOUGH **JUICE** FOR LIFE SUPPORT...

GRRRR... THAT IS **MORE** THAN THESE MARAUDERS DESERVE.



WE DID GOOD BUT I'M GUESSING THE COOPERATIVE MAY NOT BE IMPRESSED, HUH, ICON?

HAD THE SHOCKWAVE BEEN SEIZED, THE KHUNDS WOULD HAVE GAINED A FEARSOME AND VERSATILE POWER SOURCE.

THE COOPERATIVE ALREADY VIEW EARTH AS IMMATURE...

...AND HAVE NO INTEREST IN TEACHING A YOUNGER SIBLING WHAT IT NEEDS TO LEARN.

OKAY, JUSTICE LEAGUE, LET'S HEAD BACK HOME.



"BATMAN'S GOT CLASS TOMORROW MORNING AND IT'S WAY PAST HIS BEDTIME."

FALLING ASLEEP IN CLASS, MR. MCGINNIS?! AND AFTER SPRING BREAK, NO LESS?!

HUH?! WHA--?!

YOU KNOW MR. WAYNE'S GONNA GIVE YOU GRIEF FOR TAKING NAPS IN SCHOOL, TERRY. WHAT'S UP?

WORKING OFF-PLANET WITH THE JUSTICE LEAGUE. SPACE JET LAG IS THE WORST.

COULDN'T GET USED TO ALL THAT FLOATING. I DO MY BEST WORK ON SOLID GROUND--

NOBODY WANTS TO HEAR YOUR CORNY CRAP, DORK!



NOT THE FUTURE
THAT GOTHAM NEEDS!
NOT THE FUTURE THAT
WE WANT!

I SAID
SHUT UP,
DORKS!

STANDING
AROUND WITH *SIGNS*
LIKE SOME SPROCKIN'
OLD FARTS!



DON'T YOU KNOW YOU
COULD JUST BOUNCE
YOUR *STUPID* MESSAGES
TO EVERYONE IN THE
QUAD IF YOU CARE
SO MUCH?



SO EVERYONE CAN *SPAM-BLOCK*
THEM?! NAH. WE WANT TO LOOK
RIGHT IN THE *EYES* OF THE PEOPLE
WHO WANT TO SCREW UP
OUR LIVES.

YOU'RE NOT GONNA BE
LOOKING AT ANYTHING
ONCE I *KNOCK* YOUR
LIGHTS OUT!



YO! NO
NEED FOR ANY
OF THAT!

WHA--?!

WHO
THE SPROCK
ARE YOU?!

SOMEONE
WHO KNOWS
THESE PEOPLE CAN
SAY WHAT THEY WANT,
AS LONG AS IT'S
NOT HURTING
ANYONE.

ALERT!
VIOLENCE
THREAT
DETECTED!



ATTENTION! ON-CAMPUS VIOLENCE IS GROUNDS FOR IMMEDIATE EXPULSION!

READYING DETERRENTS...

I'M NOT TRYING TO GET ZAPPED BY ZETA COPS! SCREW THIS, MAN!

THEY CAN'T SILENCE US! WE NEED EVERYONE TO SHOW UP AT THE UNVEILING TONIGHT!

HEY, WEREN'T YOU IN PROFESSOR O'NEIL'S ZEN PHILOSOPHY CLASS LAST YEAR?

YEAH, I REMEMBER YOUR FACE, TOO. NAME'S MELVIN. MELVIN KIM.

I'M MAX AND THIS IS TERRY.

YOU *PROTESTING* AT THE Q-GRID POWER STATION LAUNCH TONIGHT, TOO, MELVIN?

THAT GUY DARRYL WHO WAS LEADING THE PROTEST...HE SAYS THE Q-GRID'S GOING TO PUMP MORE *LIES* INTO OUR LIVES!

NO GRIDS

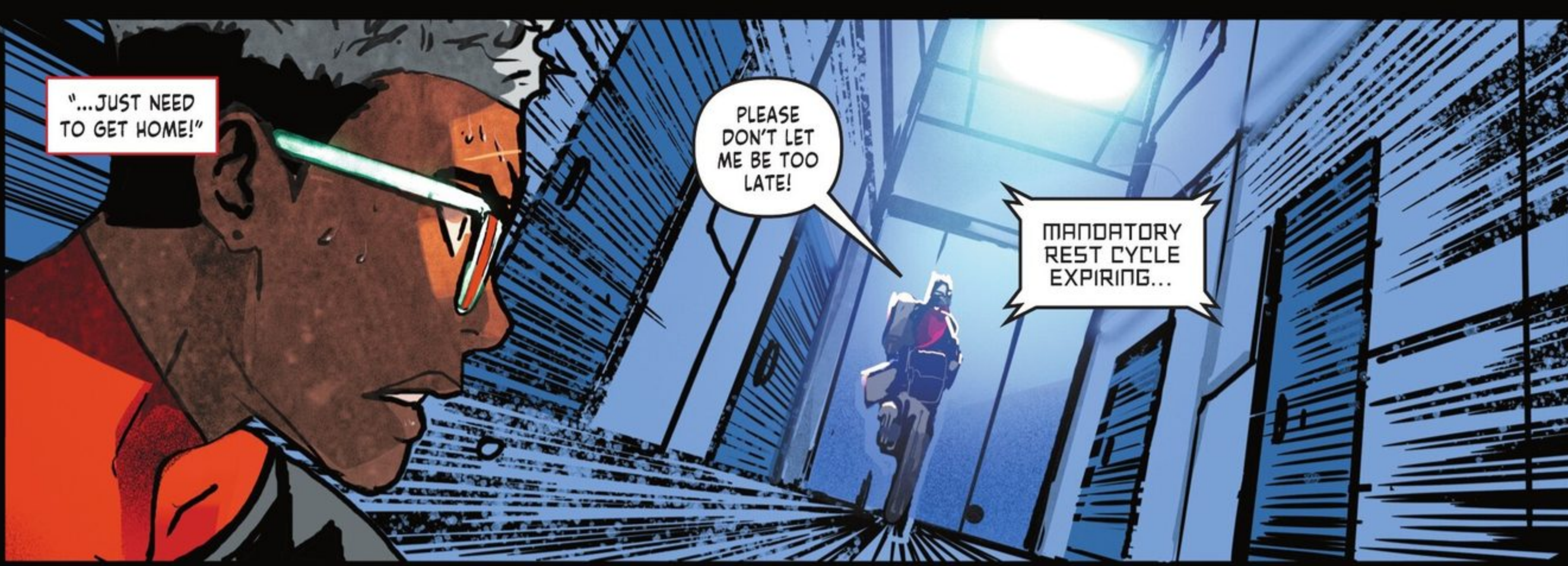
UH... OKAY?

NOBODY CARES ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE WORLD. MY PARENTS DON'T EVEN...

YOU KNOW WHAT... JUST FORGET IT.

LISTEN, TAKE MY CONTACT INFO. HIT ME UP IF YOU NEED HELP TONIGHT.

THANKS--
SPROCK!
SORRY, I GOTTA GO. I...



"...JUST NEED
TO GET HOME!"

PLEASE
DON'T LET
ME BE TOO
LATE!

MANDATORY
REST CYCLE
EXPIRING...



NO NO
NO NO NO
NO!

TASK SECURITY
SEQUENCER
INITIATING...



TASK LOCKDOWN
COMPLETE. REST
CYCLE REFRESH
IN 360 MINUTES.

MOM...
DAD--!



...SPROCK.



*You promised we'd
talk about going back
to our cabin soon.*

*But now I can't
talk to either
one of you...*

School's been so crazy this year, just like work for Mom and Dad. Everybody's drowning in a beep-pocalypse.

A million alerts every minute about how we're falling behind, need to spend more money, and blah blah blah.

Darryl and the other protestors keep saying that the Q-Grid is gonna make all that worse. More nonstop algo-storms cranking up the noise!

I just need it all to freakin' stop! Can hardly hear myself think.

Mom and Dad had it even worse; that's why they quit their old jobs.

We did all that work on the cabin the last few summers, just so we could escape the never-ending pressure back home.



Who knows if that's even going to happen now! Because your sprockin' jobs are gonna hold you hostage for the rest of the day!



Only reason I'm majoring in programming is because you two do it.

Thought it'd give us something else to bond over.



What's the point of school? Or work? Or anything?! If we only get scraps of life to live?!

All the other kids go where FRND//LNK tells them. Me, I don't want fake data metrics telling me how to live my life...



...and that means I'm just sitting here all alone...

GRAMPA,
I COULD FEEL
DADDY WAY UP
IN SPACE!

VIRGIL OVID
HAWKINS, IF THIS CHILD
SPARKS UP OFF YOUR
ENERGY AGAIN...

DAKOTA CITY.

WIFE USING
YOUR **FULL** NAME?
YOU BETTER COME
CORRECT, SON.

THIS IS DARIUS
DELANY ON XTREAM. TODAY,
WE REMEMBER THE MODERN
AMERICAN TRAGEDY KNOWN
AS THE BIG BANG.

UGH, WHY DOES
THIS ALGORITHM THINK I
WANNA WATCH A DOCUMENTARY
AT DINNERTIME? LET ME
CUT IT OFF--

HOLD UP, THIS IS
DARIUS'S PROJECT. BEEN WAITING
FOR THIS. CAN YOU LEAVE IT ON?

WHEN ANTI-POLICE
BRUTALITY PROTESTERS
WERE GASSED WITH THE
EXPERIMENTAL Q-JUICE
DETERRENT, MANY DIED
IMMEDIATELY.

OTHERS--
LIKE STATIC--WERE
TRANSFORMED INTO
"BANG BABIES," BEINGS
WITH IMPOSSIBLE
ABILITIES.

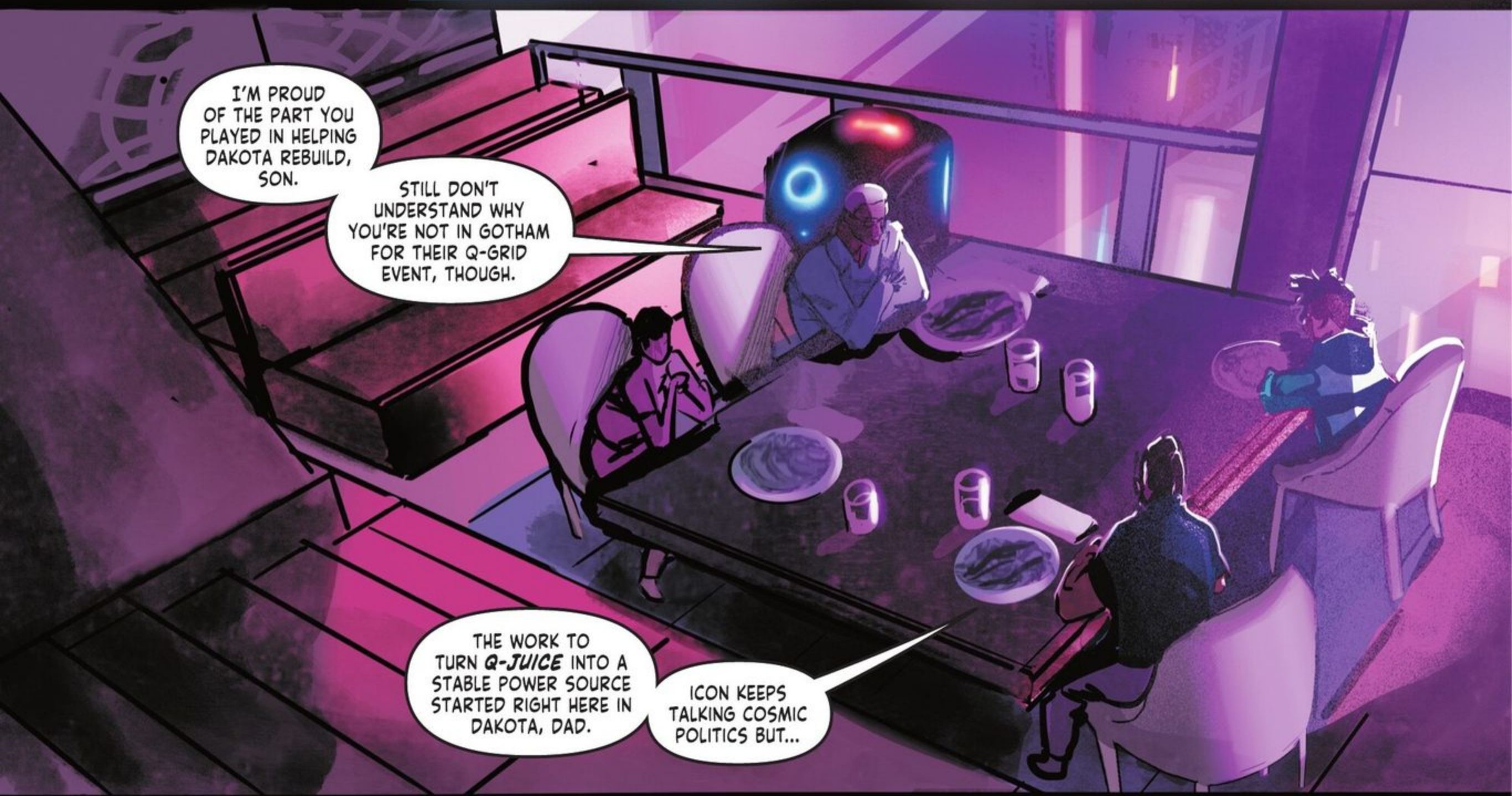
HEROES LIKE
STATIC FOUGHT
TO PROTECT
EVERYONE...

...ESPECIALLY
METAHUMANS
TARGETED BY
STATE-SANCTIONED
PERSECUTION.

CHAOS
CHURNED THROUGH
THE CITY'S STREETS.
BUT DAKOTA DID NOT
CRUMBLE...



INSTEAD,
IT BEGAN TO
BUILD A DARING
NEW FUTURE
BY LOOKING
INWARD.



I'M PROUD
OF THE PART YOU
PLAYED IN HELPING
DAKOTA REBUILD,
SON.

STILL DON'T
UNDERSTAND WHY
YOU'RE NOT IN GOTHAM
FOR THEIR Q-GRID
EVENT, THOUGH.

THE WORK TO
TURN *Q-JUICE* INTO A
STABLE POWER SOURCE
STARTED RIGHT HERE IN
DAKOTA, DAD.

ICON KEEPS
TALKING COSMIC
POLITICS BUT...



...I JUST
WANT TO DO WHAT I
CAN TO HELP PEOPLE LIVE
ON *THIS* PLANET. IN
THIS CITY.

BESIDES,
YOU KNOW HOW
NEO-GOTHAM
DOES...

“...THEY’RE GONNA DO THEIR OWN THING, NO MATTER WHAT ANYBODY ELSE THINKS.”

NEO-GOTHAM! ARE YOU READY TO ROCK OUT AND RIDE THE Q-WAVE?!

THINK ALL THESE FOLKS REALLY CARE ABOUT CLEAN ENERGY AND NETWORK UPGRADES?

HEY, BIG SUPPLIERS LIKE LEXCORP CHARGE CRAZY MONEY FOR GUARANTEED UPTIME. LOTS OF FOLKS CAN’T AFFORD THAT.

EH, MOST OF ‘EM ARE PROBABLY HERE FOR THE FREE FOOD.

STILL CAN’T BELIEVE THAT SAME TECH POWERS THE FASTER-THAN-LIGHT DRIVE ON STATIC’S SHOCKWAVE SPACESHIP!

I WONDER IF MELVIN AND THE ANTI-Q PROTESTORS MADE IT OUT HERE.

THERE’S A LOT OF PEOPLE HERE. GONNA BE HARD TO SPOT--

No!

LIARRRRMMBBNNN

OH NO...

HAHAHAHAHAHAHA!

JOKERZ!

SOMEBODY WANTS
TO MAKE LIFE IN GOTHAM
BETTER, SO OF COURSE
THESE JERKS GOTTA
SHOW UP!

THOUGHT YOU
WERE GONNA GET A
NIGHT OFF?

NAH, MAX,
I DEFINITELY
KNOW BETTER
BY NOW.

YOU GUYS
WON'T MIND IF
WE CUT THE LINE,
RIGHT?

HEE
HEE HEE
HEE!



HUH?!



WHAM

UNNFFFFF!



LET ME GUESS--
YOU GUYS WANT TO SIGN
UP FOR THE Q-GRID
ROLLOUT, TOO?

FWIP

ONLY POWER
THE JOKERZ CARE ABOUT
IS CHAOS!

CHAOS,
HUH?



I GOT YOUR
CHAOS RIGHT
HERE, DREG!

FWZZZZZ

FWZZZZ

GET
HIM!

WE GOT
YOU OUTNUMBERED,
BAT-FREAK!

CRASHING A PARTY
CRAWLING WITH COP-BOTS? YOU
JOKERZ REALLY DIDN'T THINK
THIS THROUGH, HUH?



YOU PROTESTERS
COULDN'T STOP THE Q-WAVE
SO YOU CALL **JOKERZ** TO DO
YOUR DIRTY WORK?!

NICE TRY!
WE KNOW IT'S JUST
ANOTHER BOOTLICKER
PLOY TO PIN PROPERTY
DAMAGE ON US!

SPROCK OFF,
FROWNIES! **JOKERZ** DO
WHAT WE WANT, WHEN
WE WANT!

WHAT
THEY WANT
WHEN THEY WANT,
EH? I LIKE THE
SOUND OF
THAT!

YOU BETTER
BE READY TO
DIE FOR YOUR
CAUSE, KID!

GET
OFF ME!

CALLING TERRY
McGINNIS... CALLING
TERRY McGINNIS...

C'MON,
C'MON, PICK
UP! WHERE ARE
YOU, MAN?!

INCOMING CALL
FROM MELVIN KIM...
INCOMING CALL FROM
MELVIN KIM...

TOO MANY
DAMN JOKERZ!
I'LL CHECK IN WITH
MELVIN LATER!

MAX, WHAT DO
WE ACTUALLY KNOW
ABOUT THE Q-GRID
TECHNOLOGY?

THERE ISN'T A LOT
OF PUBLIC-FACING INFO
ON THE TECH...

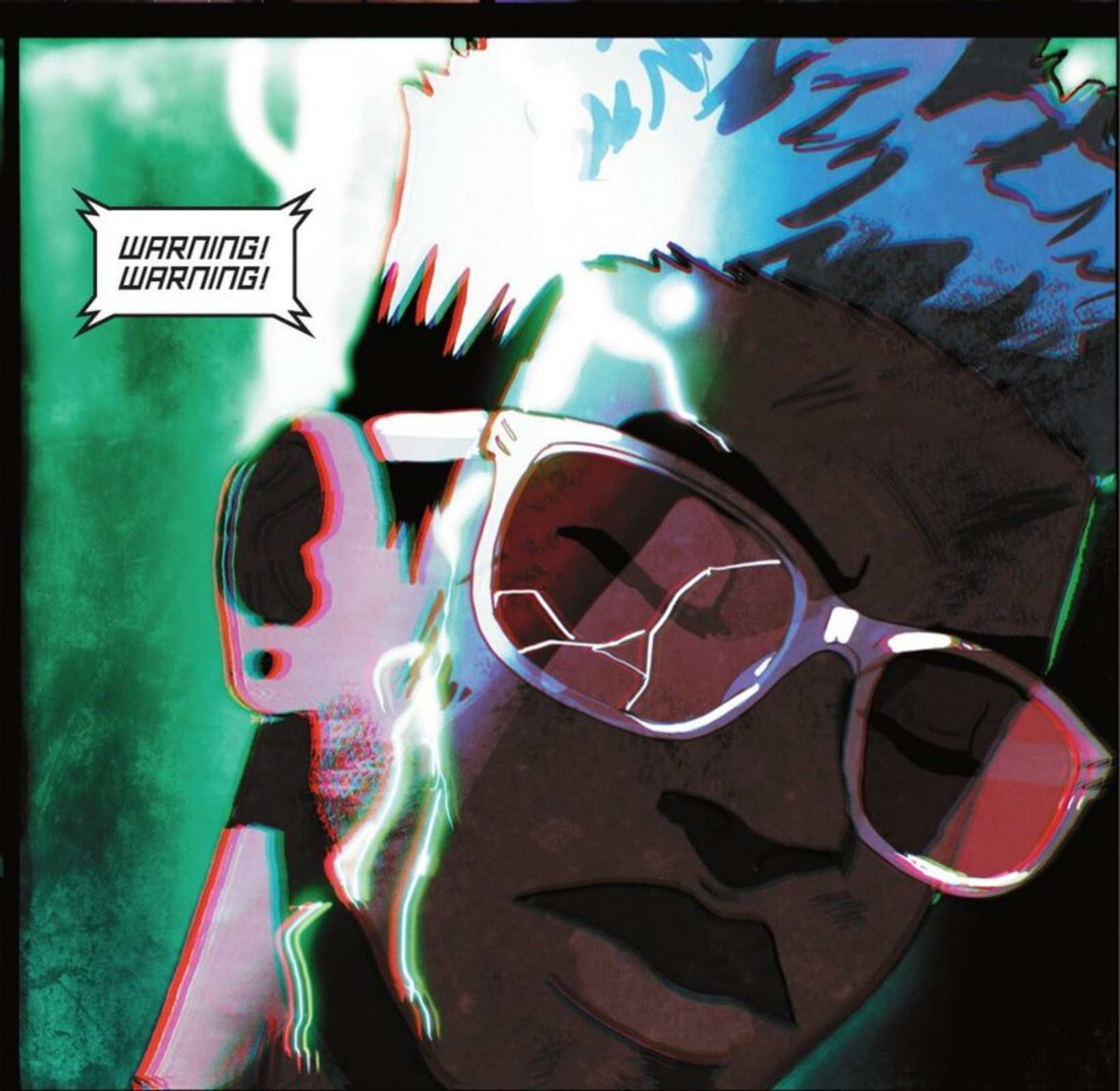
...BUT ANYTHING
THAT GENERATES
THAT MUCH JUICE
IS PROBABLY REAL
DANGEROUS.

YOU SHOULD
DEFINITELY KEEP THESE
GOONS AWAY FROM THE
POWER PLANT!

I'LL TRY
TO WRAP THIS UP
BEFORE THINGS
GET WORSE!

LET'S END
THIS PARTY
WITH A BANG,
BATMAN!





DAMMIT!
NO!

WARNING! QUANTUM
EXTRACT CONTAINMENT
BREACH DETECTED!

EVACUATION
PROTOCOLS ACTIVE!
SHUTDOWN IMMINENT!

EVERYONE,
GET OUT OF
HERE!

STOP IT,
YOU LUNATIC!

BATMAN,
I JUST SPOTTED
MELVIN ON VIDEO FEEDS!
HE'S UNRESPONSIVE
AND THAT ROCKET'S
HEADING STRAIGHT
FOR HIM!

GRAAAAH!

NO!

SHOOTDOWN



NO NO NO...

THAT WEIRD ENERGY FROM THE EXPLOSION IS MESSING UP THE SUIT'S SCANNERS!

MELVIN?! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!



SHUTDOWN IMMINENT! SHUTDOWN IMMINENT!

MELVIN?!

TO BE CONTINUED!



MARVEL

BATMAN DEADPOOL

**THE DARK KNIGHT DETECTIVE
MEETS THE MERC WITH A MOUTH!**

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KNIGHTFIGHT

ALL IN

A CONVERSATION WITH JOSHUA WILLIAMSON

Get ready to witness Batman like never before in *DC K.O. Knightfight*, the explosive tie-in to this fall's hard-hitting *DC K.O.* event. Writer Joshua Williamson shares what fans can expect from Gotham's deadliest arena, the high-stakes battles against the Batmen of the future, and the thrilling twists that make this a must-read miniseries.

DC K.O. Knightfight throws Batman into Gotham's deadliest tournament. What excited you most about telling this story?

In the past, Bruce has often questioned his role as Batman, and whether the sidekicks he's trained might one day surpass him. Now, he gets to see that play out firsthand.

I also love throwing Batman into wild, unexpected battles, facing off against opponents he'd never normally encounter. Once he realizes what's really going on, he can finally cut loose.



What can you tease about Batman's battle against the Batmen of the future?

These fights are emotionally charged, but at their core, this is a FIGHT COMIC, packed with big, over-the-top action. Batman faces off against Dick, Jason, Tim, and Damian in newly created versions of Gotham, each

one shaped by the Heart of Apokolips. These worlds reflect the essence of each character, and are designed specifically to defeat Bruce.

And there are a few surprise appearances from other Bat-Family members we haven't revealed yet. It's not just the Robins...



How does this tie-in series expand on what's happening in DC K.O.? What inspired giving Batman this alternate route in the DC K.O. tournament?

When you talk about an event like *DC K.O.*, the assumption is always: "Batman's going to win." So we wanted to subvert that expectation right away, by forcing him down a completely different path, into a tournament built just for him.

It also showcases the true power of the Heart of Apokolips, how it can manipulate and reshape anyone who comes near it. That's going to become a major factor as the event unfolds.



How does working on Knightfight with Dan Mora differ from your collaboration on Superman?

Dan is incredible, a legend, and an amazing creative partner. Because these issues are so fight-heavy, I leave a lot more room in the scripts for him to go wild.

He's also designing entirely new worlds, new costumes, new versions of Gotham, and new Batmen. We're still aiming to have a ton of fun with it, and Dan always delivers on that front.

Without giving too much away, are there any standout moments you're especially excited for fans to experience?

Every issue has a big moment. There are a few that I think will absolutely blow readers' minds, and leave them wishing these new worlds were real.



DC K.O. Knightfight #1 main cover
by Dan Mora

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